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The draft UMP proposes increased opportunities for outdoor recreation, including seven new designated drive-up campsites, two walk-in primitive campsites, and a network of trails for the Motorized Access Program for Persons with Disabilities (MAPPWD). The plan also examines sustainable forest management to continue protection of wildlife habitat and wetlands in the face of climate change.

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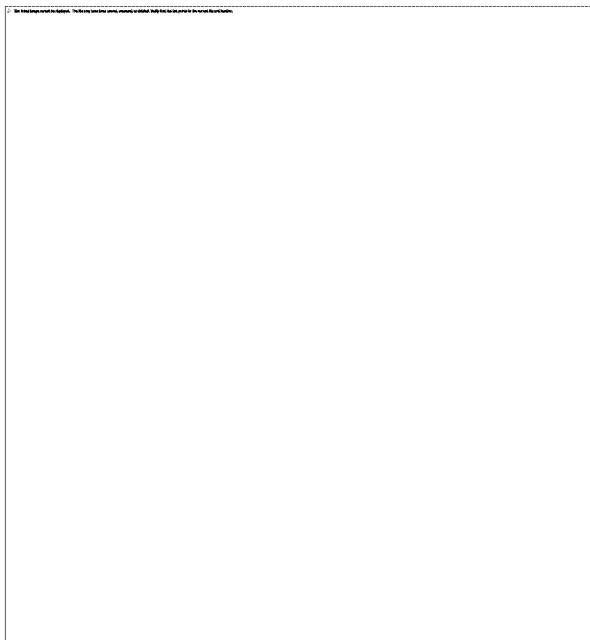
## DEC Announces Completion of Improvements at Ashland Flats Wildlife Management Area

DEC recently completed several improvement projects at Ashland Flats Wildlife Management Area (WMA), located in the towns of Lyme and Cape Vincent, Jefferson County.

Improvements at the WMA include an accessible wildlife observation tower, along with a designated accessible parking area and educational sign.

Ashland Flats WMA consists primarily of large grassland fields, wetland impoundments, shrubland, and forested wetlands. The WMA is a designated Bird Conservation Area.

Visitors should bring binoculars and cameras to Ashland Flats for added enjoyment. You can see several rare species of birds during the breeding season and the winter. Black terns are known to nest in the large impoundment and winter raptors roost among the grassland



fields. It is not uncommon to catch a glimpse of a white-tailed deer crossing the fields or a beaver swimming in the impounded wetland.

Due to the variety of habitat types on the area, Ashland Flats WMA is a popular destination for hunters. The tower's construction was supported by \$16,000 from the State's Environmental Protection Fund and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson ACT) monies. Learn more about the WMA on DEC's [website](#).

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## **DEC Announces Completion of Grasse River Mussel and Wildlife Habitat Restoration**

A significant Grasse River restoration project to help address a legacy of contamination and improve habitat in the region has been completed. This habitat restoration milestone is the result of a [landmark DEC agreement \(PDF\)](#) with Arconic in July 2020, and DEC's ongoing collaboration with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York State Museum, and other partners committed to the Grasse River's ecological renewal. This work was completed in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-led cleanup of the Grasse River, a federal National Priorities List site.

In December 2019, DEC and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe signed a [historic cooperative agreement to accelerate the restoration of natural resources in the St. Lawrence River Area of Concern \(AOC\)](#) at Massena/Akwesasne, which includes the Grasse River. As cleanup efforts began along the river, approximately 80 percent of the freshwater mussel community was determined to be at risk of destruction due to their inability to escape the work sites and the organism's slow reproductive rate. The Grasse River's freshwater mussel community is remarkable for its density and diversity; at least 15 different species have been found here. The mussels perform the critical functions of nutrient cycling, sediment structure, and forage base.

DEC worked closely with the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the New York State Museum to make this initiative successful. When DEC launched the inaugural Stewardship Appreciation Awards last year, the [Grasse River Restoration Partners](#) received the Innovation Award for work on this project. The restoration included:

- Moving nearly 500,000 freshwater mussels that would have been killed during the Grasse River cleanup. The relocated mussels are expected to help the remaining mussels recover and nearly doubled the population expected to survive;
- As required by DEC, Arconic installed 400 innovative "crib" structures to provide habitat diversity for fish until their natural habitat returns. The fish crib structures are made with cleaned, leftover construction materials, reducing the need for new materials;
- Improving the three largest freshwater wetland areas along the river by placing high quality soils, stabilizing areas of erosion, and planting native species. These efforts to restore the wetland will provide habitat for waterfowl, reptiles, and amphibians along the river; and
- Areas of upgraded habitat material are now providing a greater diversity of habitat for recovery of benthic invertebrates, an important food source for fish.

DEC will continue to oversee these projects as the river recovers to ensure the habitat recovers as expected. Additionally, DEC expects to oversee an effort to return the recovered mussels to remediated areas, possibly as early as 2022.

The Alcoa Massena-West Plant is an aluminum production plant on the north shore of the lower Grasse River. In the 1950s, Alcoa began using and discharging polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) through outfalls to the Grasse River, contaminating water and sediment. The cleanup selected by U.S. EPA for the Grasse River began in 2019, and includes dredging and backfilling approximately four miles of shallow water habitat and capping approximately 6.5 miles of deep-water habitat with clean material.

For more information about the [Grasse River Superfund Site](#), visit the U.S. EPA website.

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## DEC Announces Opening of Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Seasons

Many furbearer trapping seasons have begun. Before venturing afield, trappers are advised to note changes to special permit requirements for fisher trapping seasons.

You can find information on trapping regulations, trapping seasons, fisher and marten trapping seasons, and furbearer hunting in Region 6 on DEC's website, and in

the New York State Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide.

### **Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Seasons**

With 16 species of furbearers living in New York, furbearer hunting and trapping opportunities are abundant. Coyote hunting season began Oct. 1 across much of the state and hunting seasons for other furbearers such as bobcat, raccoon, and fox began on Oct. 25. Season dates and zone boundaries for all furbearers can be found on DEC's website and in the [Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide](#).

All harvested marten, fisher, otter, and bobcat need to be sealed by a DEC representative within 10 days after the close of the season in the wildlife management unit where the animal was taken. Harvesters should contact their [regional wildlife office](#) to make pelt sealing arrangements prior to visiting.

### **Fisher and Marten Permit Updates**

Earlier this year, DEC proposed regulations removing the requirement for the free special fisher trapping permit. DEC has gathered sufficient data on fisher harvest during previous seasons and determined the special permit is no longer necessary. Unfortunately, amended regulations cannot be adopted prior to the start of the 2021 trapping season. To simplify the process for trappers this season, DEC created a self-issued fisher trapping permit for trappers.

DEC sent fisher permits to all those who applied for a Fisher Trapping Permit in 2020. Trappers who did not receive a permit can [download the permit](#) from the DEC website. Trappers are not required to submit the lower jaw, head, or carcass of any fisher taken during the 2021 trapping season. In addition, trappers do not have to complete or submit a Fisher Trapping Activity Log this season. Trappers are still required to have a trapping license and must have all harvested fisher sealed by DEC staff.

Please note that a separate permit is required for trappers wishing to pursue marten. This permit does include an activity log. Trappers can contact the DEC Region 5 Wildlife Office in Warrensburg at **518-623-1240** to obtain a marten trapping permit.

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## **Forest Ranger Highlights**

DEC Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State. Below are examples of work Forest Rangers conduct in DEC's Region 6.

### **Lewis County, Town of Greig**

Wilderness Rescue: On Oct. 22 at 7:03 p.m., Lewis County 911 contacted DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch requesting assistance locating an overdue hunter in the Independence River Wild Forest. Forest Rangers Lee and Hanno responded to Partridgeville Road where they met up with two Lewis County Sheriff's Deputies at the scene. After interviewing members of the hunting party, the Rangers determined the 58-year-old hunter from LaFargeville was likely in a half-mile section of woods near the camp. To assist the hiker, one deputy operated a siren from a fixed location while the second deputy drove along a nearby section of highway with emergency lights activated. After approximately 30 minutes, the hunter walked out to the road where he was met by responders. The hunter explained he had hunted this area for



nearly 15 years, but became disoriented after dark and didn't have a map, compass, or source of light. Resources were clear at 8:14 p.m.

#### **St. Lawrence County, Town of Clifton**

Wilderness Rescue: On Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from the wife of a sick kayaker on Cranberry Lake. The caller reported that her husband was suffering from the effects of possible food poisoning. Director Solan and Forest Ranger Benzel responded via boat. At 3:12 p.m. Director Solan and Ranger Benzel assisted the 61-year-old from Long Island with his belongings and gave him and his companions a courtesy ride off the water and back to their vehicle. At 4:14 p.m., the group was back at the dock where Rangers rehydrated the kayaker.

#### **Herkimer County, Town of Webb**

Boater Rescue: On Oct 9 at 8:06 p.m., DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch was contacted by Big Moose Fire Department requesting Forest Ranger assistance with a stranded boat on the Stillwater Reservoir in Independence River Wild Forest. The two boaters from Oriskany were reportedly in good health, but stranded north of Beaver River. Rangers Lee and Hanno, along with a Webb Police Officer, took a boat approximately seven miles down the reservoir toward Beaver River Station. At 10 p.m., the stranded boat was spotted near shoals in the boat channel. The two boaters were unfamiliar with the reservoir and were having trouble navigating the boat using only a cell phone flashlight. They were able to follow the rescue boat back to the boat launch area by 11:30 p.m.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region.

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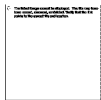
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<https://t.co/ETadT5ohol> @GovKathyHochul @NRDCKit  
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RT @NYGov: Hey New York! It's Election Day today. Go out and make your voice heard. Need to know where your poll site is? Visit <https://t.co/...>

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RT @NYGov: Feliz Día de los Muertos, New York! Happy Day of the Dead, New York! <https://t.co/ea1AHvG4mW>

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RT @NYSDOT: Remember to set your clocks back on Sunday. ☐ When the time changes and dark comes earlier, it's easy to get drowsy when drivi...

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## DEC Seeks Information on Oct. 28, 2021, Hunting-Related Shooting Incident in Erie County

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Division of Law Enforcement is asking the public to share information about the identity of a pheasant hunter involved in a hunting-related shooting incident with another hunter on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at the Zoar Valley Multiple Use Area in the town of Collins, Erie County. Investigators from DEC's Division of Law Enforcement interviewed the victim following the incident, during which he was struck with pellets from a round discharged by a fellow pheasant hunter. Although the victim spoke to the hunter who fired the round, he was unable to recall the subject's name or contact information. The victim sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information about this incident or the identity of the second hunter is asked to contact DEC's Division of Law Enforcement at 716-851-7050, Ext. 5.

Thanks largely to the efforts of more than 3,000 dedicated volunteer Sportsman Education Instructors for over 60 years, New York has extremely safety-conscious hunters. While statistics indicate that hunting in New York is safer than ever, DEC reminds hunters that hunting-related shooting incidents are preventable by following these important safety tips:

- Assume every gun is loaded;
- Control the muzzle. Point your gun in a safe direction;
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire;
- Be sure of your target and beyond; and
- Wear hunter orange or pink, required in some instances.

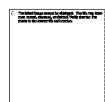
For more information on these and other important hunting safety tips, please visit DEC's website to [view videos about hunter safety](#) and for more tips. If you have an urgent hunting-related concern, you can report it to DEC's 24-hour law enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOs (1-844-332-3267).

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

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RT @StateForesters: #StateForesters' 2021 photo fellow traveled across New York state (with help from @NYSDEC) this summer to capture scene...

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## Recent Forest Ranger Actions

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In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 492 search and rescue missions, extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres, participated in eight prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 203 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 3,131 tickets or arrests.

"During New York's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are enjoying the outdoors than ever before and our Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help people get outside responsibly and get home safely," **said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos**. "Rangers' knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques are critical to the success of their missions, which for more than a century have taken them from remote wilderness areas with rugged mountain peaks, to white water rivers, and throughout our vast forests statewide."

### **Town of Shandaken**

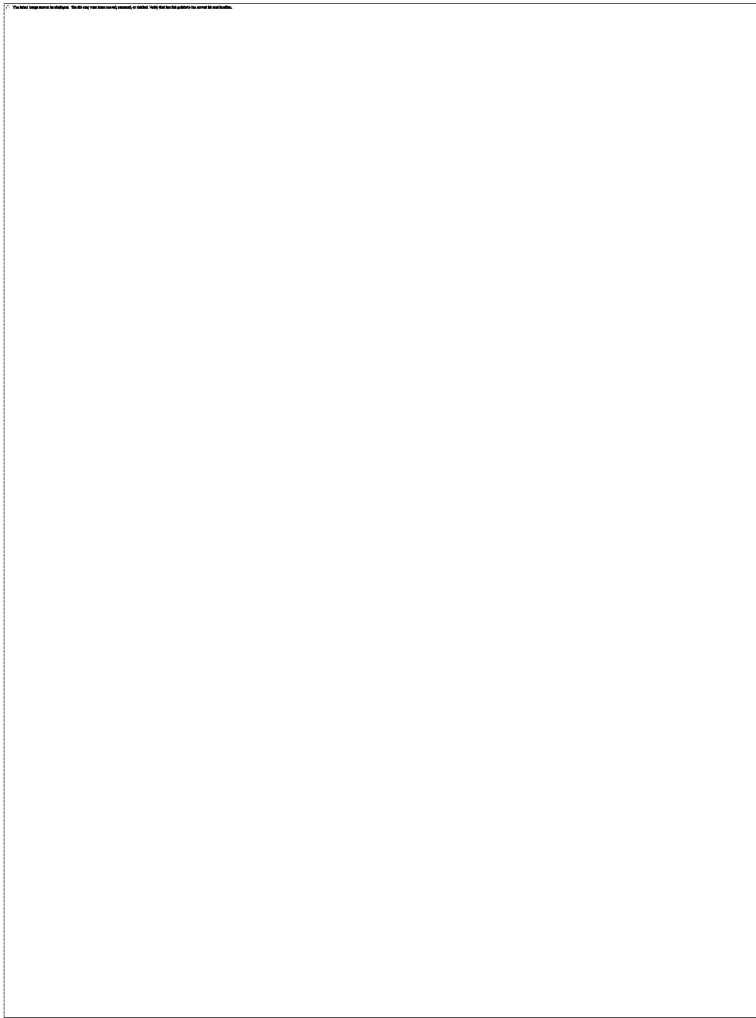
#### **Ulster County**

**Wilderness Rescue:** On Oct. 26 at 4:26 p.m., Central Dispatch received a call regarding a 20-year-old hiker from Pennsylvania who fell on Friday Mountain and suffered a twisted ankle and possible head injury. Forest Rangers Franceschina, Martin, Kreft, and Rusher responded to assist. At 6:38 p.m., Rangers Franceschina and Martin arrived at the hiker's location and made an initial determination that the hiker's ankle was stable and the head injury was mild, and started walking him out of the woods. Rangers Kreft and Rusher, along with volunteers from the Olive Fire Department, met the responding Rangers and the subject with UTVs approximately 1.6 miles into the trail to transport the hiker back to the trailhead. Once at the trailhead at 8:33 p.m., the hiker was evaluated by Olive EMS and all rescuers were clear of the scene.

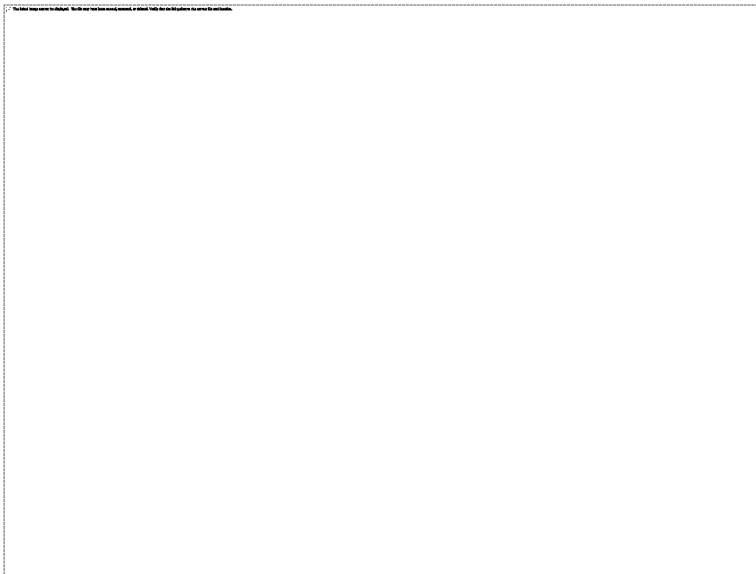
### **Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center**

#### **Albany County**

**Smokey Bear Day:** On Oct. 27, Forest Ranger Mitchell, Smokey Bear, Fire Manager Briggs, and Albany Pine Bush staff participated in the Annual Smokey Bear Day at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center. Due to the pandemic, a drive thru was set up for Smokey Bear to hand out activity kits. The kits include information about Smokey Bear's history and message of fire safety, as well as the necessary role fire plays in the pine barrens of the Albany Pine Bush.



*Ranger Mitchell with Smokey Bear and Fire Manager Briggs*



*Ranger Mitchell and Smokey Bear handing out activity kits*

**Town of Islip**  
**Suffolk County**

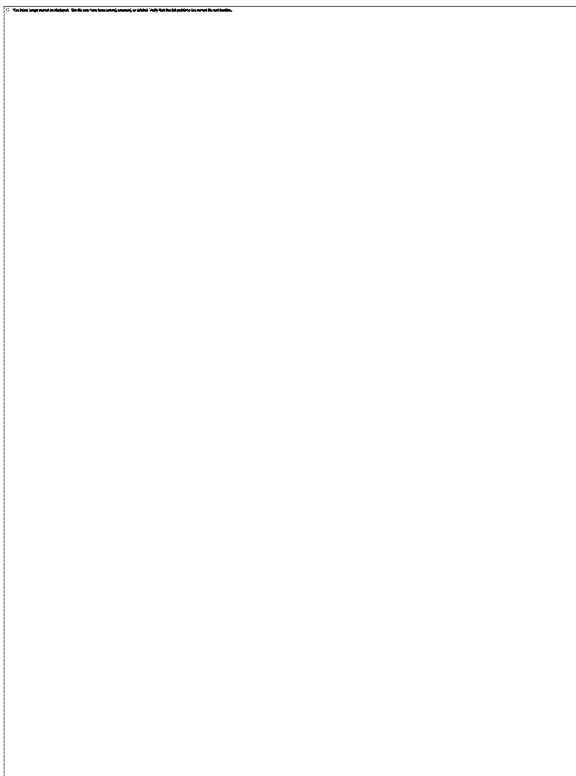
**School Presentation:** On Oct. 27, Forest Ranger Hicks gave a presentation to Islip Middle

School's EXCEL class. The presentation focused on Forest Ranger job duties, specifically their role in search and rescues. The students were able to get hands-on experience using a GPS and compass to navigate school campus, and learned how a litter can be used to carry someone out of the backcountry.

### **Town of Lewis**

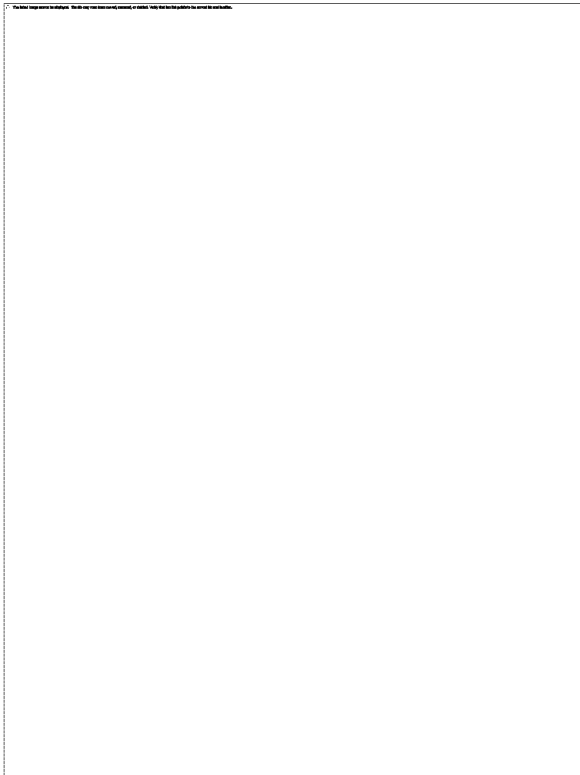
### **Essex County**

**Wilderness Rescue:** On Oct. 27 at 11:15 a.m., Essex County 911 contacted DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch reporting a 66-year-old hiker from Elizabethtown had suffered a non-weight bearing knee injury on the Mount Fay summit. Due to the hiker's location, NYSP Aviation was requested and Forest Ranger Lt. Burns and Forest Ranger Prackajlo were picked up to perform a hoist rescue. At 12:40 p.m., Lt. Burns was inserted to the hiker's location, evaluated his injuries, and packaged the subject for extraction off the summit. The injured hiker was turned over to Lake Placid EMS and transported to a local hospital.



*Hiker rescued from Mount Fay*





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**Town of Guilford**  
**Chenango County**

**Underage Party:** On Oct. 29, Forest Rangers Burkholder, Oldroyd, and Lt. Jackson responded to underage subjects holding a party on South Hill State Forest. Rangers encountered several teenagers with a large bonfire and alcoholic beverages. Rangers made the teenagers clean the site by removing two truckloads of waste pallets and some trash. Before the party was dispersed, tickets were issued for violations of underage possession of alcohol, depositing trash on State land, and operating motor vehicles off-road.

**Town of North Elba**  
**Essex County**

**Wilderness Rescue:** On Oct. 30 at 6:17 p.m., DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch received a call from a hiker reporting two members of his party overdue from hiking Mount Marcy. The pair was last seen at the summit at approximately 2:30 p.m., with only their cell phones for a light source. Forest Ranger Evans responded to the trailhead to meet with the reporting party. At 7:06 p.m., Ranger Evans located the 24- and 26-year-old hikers from Ithaca, gave them headlamps, and escorted the pair back to the parking area where they were reunited with their hiking group at 7:48 p.m.

**Town of Waverly**  
**Franklin County**

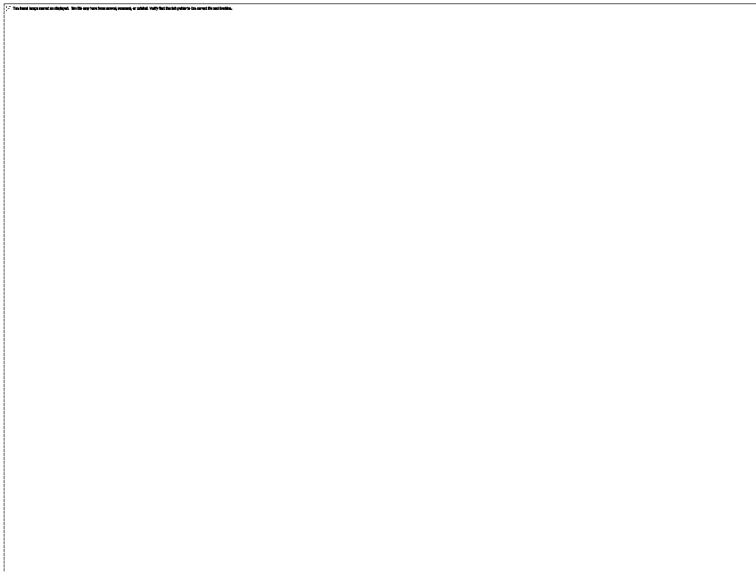
**Joint Enforcement Operation:** On Oct. 30, Forest Rangers Balerno and Prackajlo, along with Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO) Cranker, conducted a joint enforcement operation on the Santa Clara Easement in the town of Waverly. Rangers previously located illegal deer hunting activity, including ground blinds baited with corn, apples, and mineral blocks. To avoid detection, Rangers were dropped off by ECO Cranker at approximately 5 p.m., and proceeded on foot for a mile to the baited stands. After checking the first stand, Ranger

Balerno found and detained a subject and his radio, while Ranger Praczkajlo proceeded to check the second stand, which was also occupied. Both subjects were brought out to ECO Cranker who drove in to meet them. Six tickets were issued by ECO Cranker, including hunting deer over bait, establishing a salt lick, and failure to carry a hunting license.

### **Town of North Hudson**

#### **Essex County**

**Stranded Kayaker:** On Oct. 31, DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch received a report of a stranded kayak in the north branch of the Boquet River. Forest Ranger Lt. LaPierre, Forest Ranger Evans, and Assistant Forest Ranger Raudonis responded to the location and found the kayak trapped between a rock and a log just upstream from the confluence of the north and south branches of the river. Rangers swept the river shoreline, downstream and upstream, and checked all put-ins and take-outs to find the kayaker. Other whitewater kayakers in the area volunteered to help remove the pinned kayak. The owner of the kayak later contacted Dispatch to report himself as the missing kayaker after he was rescued from the river by a fellow kayaker with a throw bag after not being able to handle the water levels and intensity of the rapids after the rain.



*Kayak trapped on the Boquet River*

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's [Hike Smart NY](#), [Adirondack Backcountry Information](#), and [Catskill Backcountry Information](#) webpages for more information.

If a person needs a Forest Ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire, or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, the DEC website has [phone numbers for every Ranger listed by region](#).

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# DEC Announces 230,000 Pounds of Pesticides and Chemical Waste Collected in DEC's Capital Region and Hudson Valley Regions

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## DEC Announces 230,000 Pounds of Pesticides and Chemical Waste Collected in DEC's Capital Region and Hudson Valley Regions

### 2021 'CleanSweepNY' Collection Events Safely Remove Chemical Waste from New York's Environment

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today the collection of 230,000 pounds of pesticides and chemical waste at two CleanSweepNY events this year. The first collection event, held during the week of May 10, included counties in the Hudson Valley (DEC Region 3), and the second event was held during the week of Oct. 11, and included counties in the Capital Region (DEC's Region 4). DEC's CleanSweepNY program helps promote healthy and sustainable communities by providing opportunities for proper disposal of unwanted and/or obsolete pesticides and other chemicals.

"To advance New York's ongoing efforts to protect public health and our environment it's critical to remove excess pesticides and other chemical wastes from our communities and landfills," **Commissioner Seggos said.** "We are pleased that so many farmers, businesses, and institutions participated in CleanSweepNY events this year and that so many New Yorkers recognize the importance of safely removing potential hazards from the environment."

The spring CleanSweepNY event collected more than 86,600 pounds of chemical wastes from 89 participants in Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties. The fall event collected over 143,500 pounds of chemical wastes from 69 participants in Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Montgomery, Otsego, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and Schoharie counties.

DEC employees visited four sites for the collection of waste chemicals unsafe to transport due to the poor condition of pesticide containers and storage areas. DEC also facilitated safe disposal for participants that had difficulty safely handling and transporting waste chemicals to collection locations.

DEC schedules and organizes CleanSweepNY events in collaboration with the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT). Collection events were held at multiple DOT facilities.

The 2021 events mark the 29th and 30th collection events administered by the CleanSweepNY program since its inception in 2002. The program has resulted in the collection of more than two million pounds of chemical wastes across New York State, as well as the safe collection of more than 950 pounds of liquid elemental mercury. In addition, approximately 6,100 plastic pesticide containers, including many 55- and 30-gallon triple-rinsed pesticide drums, which would otherwise have been disposed of in landfills, were collected and properly recycled. The program is endorsed by Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Agricultural Container Recycling Council, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the New York Farm Bureau, and related agricultural associations.

CleanSweepNY services are available to agricultural and non-agricultural professional pesticide applicators, schools, and certain businesses that use pesticides such as golf courses, cemeteries, and marinas. Homeowners cannot participate, but information [about reducing](#)

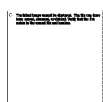
[household hazardous waste](#) is available on DEC's website. For more information visit [CleanSweepNY's website](#) or call: 518-225-8146.

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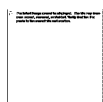
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## DEC Adopts New Regulations to Protect Wildlife Management Areas

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### DEC Adopts New Regulations to Protect Wildlife Management Areas

#### New Regulations will Improve Conservation and Safeguard Sustained Public Use

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the adoption of new regulations governing the public use of Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and the simultaneous repeal of three obsolete area-specific regulations. These regulations will become effective Jan. 1, 2022. DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife manages 125 WMAs and several Unique and Multiple Use Areas across the state. Collectively known as the WMA system, these areas comprise nearly 250,000 acres.

"Visitor use and enjoyment of DEC's wildlife management areas across the state have increased significantly over the years," Commissioner Seggos said. "To protect these special places for future generations and sustainably welcome visitors, DEC is updating our rules to ensure the WMA system continues to meet the primary goals of conserving wildlife and providing opportunities to safely hunt, trap, and appreciate wildlife."

DEC adopted the new regulations following [a public comment period earlier this year](#). The [full text can be found on the State Register website](#). New regulations include provisions to:

- Restrict the use of motor vehicles and some motorized equipment, such as chainsaws, in WMAs. Snowmobiles will be allowed on designated routes covered by a minimum of three inches of snow or ice and only from the close of the regular big game hunting season until March 31. This measure will help prevent the degradation of trails and habitat, particularly during winter and spring thaws;
- Prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species;
- Restrict the discharge of firearms other than for hunting or trapping to designated areas. Only paper targets will be allowed;
- Restrict the use of boats to electric or non-powered boats. Boats may not be stored or anchored overnight on WMAs; and
- Require that dogs be kept on a leash and under control. Exceptions include when dogs are being legally used for hunting, training for hunting on lands designated as dog-

training areas during training seasons, or when participating in a DEC-licensed field trial.

Visitors to New York State's WMAs should always be aware of the rules governing the WMA. Each WMA has a webpage that lists featured activities, available facilities, any site-specific restrictions, and a map of the area. For [more information](#), go to DEC's website.

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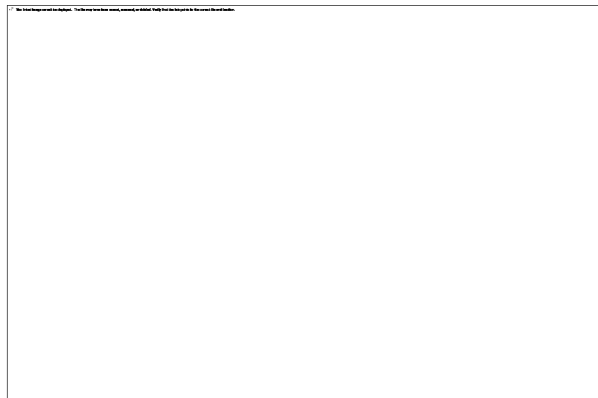
## News and Events for Nassau and Suffolk Counties (Region 1)

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### News and Events for Nassau and Suffolk Counties (Region 1) DEC Hosts the 24th Annual Youth Waterfowl Program

DEC Hunter Education and Law Enforcement staff, with assistance from Peconic River Sportsman's Club, Ducks Unlimited, Suffolk County Parks, Southshore Waterfowlers Association, New York Conservation Officers Association, and Tanglefree, successfully held the 24th annual Youth Waterfowl Program Instructional Day recently.

The Youth Waterfowl Program is offered annually to teach junior hunters, ages 12 to 15, about waterfowl and waterfowl hunting and to prepare them for participation in Youth Waterfowl Days. Since its inception in 1998, the Long Island Youth Waterfowl Program has trained approximately 650 young waterfowl hunters. In total, 14 junior hunters participated in this year's instructional day where they learned waterfowl identification; hunting ethics and regulations;





retriever and decoy use; cold water safety; and survival and firearm safety. Certified hunter education instructors and DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) guided participants through the program and helped youth hunters become part of the long tradition of waterfowl hunting on Long Island. The instructional will be followed by a mentored hunt during the State's upcoming Youth Waterfowl Season **(November 6-7)**.

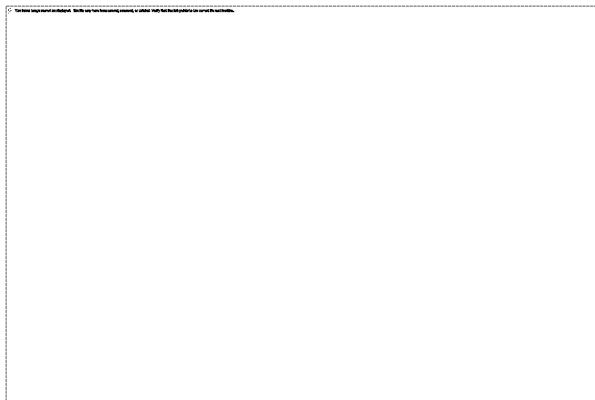
### **About Youth Waterfowl Days**

Each year, two days are set outside the regular duck hunting season in each waterfowl zone to allow junior hunters to hunt ducks and geese. On these Youth Waterfowl Days, junior hunters (ages 12 to 15) must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter. Adults cannot hunt during these two days.

The 24th Annual Youth Waterfowl Program is a part of the NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative, an effort to improve recreational activities for in-state and out-of-state sportsmen and sportswomen and to boost tourism. Under this initiative, New York is streamlining the purchase of hunting and fishing licensing and reducing license fees, improving fishing access at various sites across the state, expanding fishing clinics, and increasing hunting opportunities in various regions.

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## **DEC's Annual Fall Fishing Festival at Hempstead Lake Park Returns to Great Success!**



DEC was ecstatic to bring back the annual Fall Family Fishing and Children's Festival at Hempstead Lake State Park on October 16 following the cancellation of the popular festival in 2020 due to COVID-19.

DEC Fisheries staff, in partnership with NYS Parks, welcomed over 650 people to the fishing program and cleaned over 150 stocked trout for participants to take home. Festival activities included fishing with free loaner rods and bait, fishing instruction, casting instruction, and fish-cleaning services. In addition to fishing opportunities, the festival offered a children's casting for pumpkins contest, live animal show, magician, pumpkin decorating, fish printing, and children's slide, in addition to DEC and State Parks displays. Fish were stocked from Connetquot's Fish hatchery and average size were 14-inch Rainbow trout.

For more information about the fall trout stocking program in Nassau and Suffolk counties, call the DEC Bureau of Fisheries at (631) 444-0280. General information on freshwater fishing on

Long Island can be found at [DEC's Long Island/NYC Fishing webpage](#) and more info at [DEC's Fishing webpage](#).

*Photo courtesy of NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation*

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## DEC Long Island Region Welcomes Back Local Forest Ranger

DEC's Long Island Region welcomed back Forest Ranger Bryan Gallagher from his two week tour as Facilities Unit Leader at the Dixie Fire in California. California's Dixie Fire started on July 13, and burned more than 963,000 acres on the Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest, and Lassen Volcanic National Park, as well as land in five different counties. As Facilities Unit Leader, Ranger Gallagher lead the effort to build a "spike camp" which would provide all the resources

necessary for crews who would be conducting repair operations to essential infrastructure that was badly damaged by the blaze. The camp required all the amenities of a small town, including power, food facilities, tents, sleeping areas, sanitation, showers and more.

Ranger Gallagher, a 23-year DEC veteran, credits much of his knowledge to the training he has received through Homeland Security, FDNY, and the [Annual New York Wildfire & Incident Management Academy](#), which trains any interested individuals in wildfire fighting and management. Go online for [more information](#).

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## Changes to January Firearms Season 2022

The January firearms deer-hunting season begins on the Sunday of the first full week in January and continues through the remainder of the month. Where allowed, firearms deer hunting on all DEC-managed lands is by daily permit distributed according to a drawing held on the first Tuesday of December. Deadline for entry is the day before at 4:45 p.m.

To enter the drawing, hunters [must now complete a survey](#).

For general questions, or for those unable to access the survey online, please call DEC's Region 1 Wildlife office at **631-444-0310**.

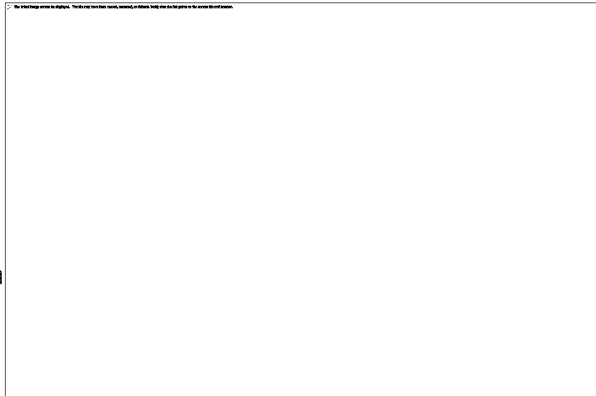
Online applications will be accepted through 4:45 PM **December 6, 2021**. Anyone unable to complete the online survey should contact the office **631-444-0310** before Dec. 6th.

Visit DEC's website for more information regarding [Firearms Hunting for Deer on DEC Managed Lands](#).

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## State Breaks Ground in Largest Long Island Sewer Expansion in Decades

NYSDEC staff joined staff from state Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, state Homes and Community Renewal, along with elected officials, environmentalists, and local community leaders in the groundbreaking for the new Carlls River sewer project. This project is the largest sewer project to take place in the region in decades and will connect more than 4,000 homes in the Town of Babylon to the Southwest Sewer System. The project is backed by federal, state and local funds to restore water quality and improve coastal resiliency. Go online [for more information](#).

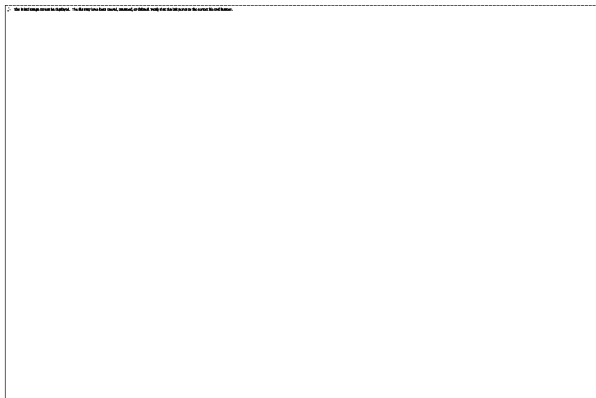


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## “Day in the Life” Education Program Concludes 11th Season

DEC, in partnership with Brookhaven National Lab and the Central Pine Barrens Commission, concluded their “Day in the Life” program for the 2021 season in the Long Island Region.

“A Day in the Life” features students exploring and collecting firsthand information about how a river and estuary fits into the larger ecosystem. Students examine the physical and chemical aspects of each aquatic ecosystem, such as where freshwater and salty seawater meet, the amount of sediments, nitrates, phosphates, and oxygen levels in the water, as well as conduct biodiversity inventories of the flora and fauna in and around the rivers and estuary. Participants also review work currently underway to restore various migratory fish species to their historic seasonal spawning environments.



More than 2,500 students from 40 different schools were able to participate in nine different sessions of the program this year. They conducted citizen science on nearly all major rivers and estuaries on Long Island including the Peconic River and Estuary, Carmans River, Forge River, Nissequogue River, and Fire Island National Seashore. The goal is to not just connect the students to their natural world, but also to incorporate the environment as an integrating context for learning into their curriculum.

Special thanks to Ron Gelardi, DEC Environmental Educator, Dr. Aleida Perez, Brookhaven National Laboratory Lead, and Melissa Parrott, Central Pine Barrens Education and Outreach Coordinator for all their hard work this season. Educators interested in participating in next year’s program should reach out to DEC’s Education Division at [education.region1@dec.ny.gov](mailto:education.region1@dec.ny.gov)

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RT @alanilagan: If you or anyone you know is looking for a rewarding career as an Environmental Engineer, please consider @NYSDEC - we do g...

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RT @NancyCoddington: You're Uninvited: Stopping the Spread of Invasive Nov. 18th 7pm What would happen if wine, #maple syrup, and #apples...

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## Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

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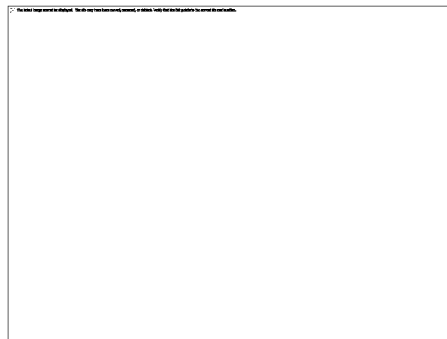
### Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter

## Are Candy Wrappers Recyclable?

In short, no. **Candy wrappers are *not* recyclable** and should be properly disposed of in the trash.

### Why Candy Wrappers Can't Go in Your Home Recycling Bin - The Scary Truth

Candy wrappers can't go in your home recycling bin because they are often made of what's known as multi-material packaging. This means the packaging is made up of different types of materials. You'll notice most candy wrappers have a shiny metal on the inside as compared to the outside. This helps protect and keep treats fresh, but it makes the packaging very difficult to recycle because of the challenge of separating the materials from each other.



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## Getting More Out of Your Fall Favorites: Apples & Pumpkins

Fall is a great time to come together with family and friends over food. Make the most of your food this fall by keeping the following in mind:

- **Roast your pumpkin seeds**
- **Try making pumpkin puree out of your extra pumpkins.** It's a great way to use them before they go bad, and you can use it in anything from homemade pumpkin spice lattes and pumpkin pie to a delicious and creative ravioli filling. Pumpkin puree can also be frozen for later use.
- **Don't toss (or compost) those old or slightly mushy apples!** They're great for baking and can be used in almost any of your favorite apple-based desserts. If you don't have as much of a sweet tooth, try making a homemade, low-sugar applesauce with your mealy apples.
- **Freezing is your friend.** If you're doing a lot of entertaining this fall, remember that you can freeze many of your leftovers and enjoy them later. Casseroles, hummus, and herbs, among many other foods, all freeze well.



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## Composting Your Pumpkin Leftovers

Instead of haunting our landfills with pumpkins, try composting! Pumpkins and other fall gourds are great additions to your home compost pile.

### Tips for Composting Pumpkins:

- Smash up any pumpkin rinds and guts before mixing them into your backyard pile with plenty of carbon sources (leaves, wood chips, twigs, etc.).
- Be sure to remove any candles, wax, or lights from your spooky creation, and avoid composting any painted or glittered pumpkins.
- Removing seeds ahead of time can help prevent growing pumpkin plants in your compost pile later on.

### Pumpkin Smash or Pumpkin Drop Off Events

No home compost pile? Look for a local Pumpkin Smash or pumpkin drop off event in your area for a fun way to send your Jack-O-Lanterns off sustainably.

- November 2021: Pumpkin Drop Off For Composting - Radix Center in Albany
- November 2021 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m: Pumpkin Drop Off for Composting - Town of Saugerties Transfer Station ([must have composting permit](#))
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Collection Event for Composting](#) - Ontario County
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Smash Event for Composting](#) - Amsterdam
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Drop Off For Composting](#) - Saranac Lake
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Drop Off For Composting](#) - Redford
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Drop Off For Composting](#) - Jay
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Smash Event for Composting](#) - Queens
- November 6, 2021: [Pumpkin Smash Event for Composting](#) - Staten Island
- November 7, 2021: [Pumpkin Smash Event for Composting](#) - Manhattan
- November 13, 2021: [Pumpkin Collection Event for Composting](#) - Ontario County

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## NYS Food Donation & Food Scraps Recycling Law Updates

### Business Guidance Now Available

DEC has developed guidance for businesses and institutions required to comply with the [NYS Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law](#). The guidance outlines regulations, best practices and resources when developing food waste reduction, food donation and food scraps recycling programs.

- [DEC Guidance for NYS Businesses: Food Waste Reduction, Food Donation, Food Scraps Recycling \(PDF\)](#)

### Food Donation Assistance Program

FeedingNYS is providing donation technical assistance to businesses & institutions who need help:

- setting up a donation program
- finding a food bank or local food rescue organization to partner with
- understanding food safety practices when donating

Call FeedingNYS at (518) 930-7000 for assistance.

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  - November 7, 2021: Pumpkin Smash Event for Composting - Manhattan
  - November 10, 2021 (place order by): Backyard Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale - City of Troy
  - November 13, 2021: Pumpkin Collection Event for Composting - Ontario County
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## DEC Proposed Rule Makings & Public Hearings

- November 15, 2021: Part 353 Public Comment Hearing - Virtual
  - November 22, 2021: Part 353 Comment Period Closes
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## Conferences, Workshops & Webinars

- November 5 -7, 2021: Students for Zero Waste Conference - Virtual
  - November 9 - 10, 2021: NYSAR3 Annual Recycling Conference - Cooperstown
  - April 5 - 6, 2022: NYS Organics Summit - Albany
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## Funding/RFP Opportunities - Application Deadlines

- November 30, 2021: USCC Emerging Composter Competition
  - December 6, 2021: EPA 2021 Environmental Education (EE) Local Grant Program
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- Rolling Deadline: [NYSP2I Food Waste Reduction & Diversion Reimbursement Program](#)

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## We Want To Hear From You!

Is there a topic you'd like to learn more about or a public event or workshop related to recycling (organics, textiles, traditional recyclables, etc.) you'd like the greater community to know more about? E-mail us at [organicrecycling@dec.ny.gov](mailto:organicrecycling@dec.ny.gov) and it could be featured in an upcoming Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter.

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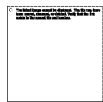


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# DEC Announces Nov. 20 Start for Regular Firearms Season for Deer and Bear Hunting in New York's Southern Zone

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## DEC Announces Nov. 20 Start for Regular Firearms Season for Deer and Bear Hunting in New York's Southern Zone

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that regular firearms season for deer and bear in the Southern Zone begins on Saturday, Nov. 20. DEC encourages hunters to review new safety regulations and changes this season that will enhance their hunting experience.

"New York's hunters are among the state's most important conservationists," **Commissioner Seggos said.** "Hunters help to balance deer and bear populations with local habitats and land uses while providing more than 11 million pounds of quality, locally grown, organic meat to sustain families. With more opportunities to venture afield this season, I encourage New Yorkers to continue practicing the key tenets of hunter safety for a safe and enjoyable time outdoors."

## Regular Firearms Season for Deer and Bear in New York's Southern Zone runs from Nov. 20 through Dec. 12

The Southern Zone regular hunting season, which runs until Dec. 12, is New York's most popular hunting season, and approximately 85 percent of New York's 550,000 licensed hunters participate. Harvest during this season accounts for nearly 60 percent of the total statewide deer harvest and 30-60 percent of the statewide bear harvest.

Following the regular deer and bear seasons in the Southern Zone, late bowhunting and muzzleloading seasons run from Dec. 13 through Dec. 21, and again from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, the latter of which is an extension from past years. Hunters taking part in these special seasons must possess a hunting license and either bowhunting or muzzleloading privileges.

In the Northern Zone, the regular deer and bear hunting season opened Oct. 23 and closes on Dec. 5. The Northern Zone includes the Adirondacks, Tug Hill Plateau, Eastern Lake Ontario Plain, and the Champlain and St. Lawrence valleys. A late bowhunting and muzzleloading season for deer will be open in portions of the Northern Zone from Dec. 6 to Dec. 12.

## New Opportunities for Youth Hunters, Longer Hunting Hours, and New Dress Code

New this year, 12- and 13-year-old hunters can hunt deer with a firearm when accompanied by a licensed, experienced adult in counties that 'opted in' to the pilot program. Established by the New York State Legislature through 2023, this pilot program applies only to upstate counties that choose to participate. The program does not apply to Westchester or Suffolk counties; Erie and Rockland counties did not opt in to participate. The remaining 52 upstate counties opted in. Also new, DEC extended the daily hunting hours to run from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30

minutes after sunset, allowing hunters to utilize the full daylight period. Hunters should check the sunrise and sunset times before hunting each day.

All hunters pursuing deer or bear with a firearm are now required to wear fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink clothing, either a hat, vest, or jacket visible in all directions. New York hunters have an excellent safety record, but this change will make hunting even safer.

Hunters are reminded to follow the basic rules of firearm safety:

1. Point your gun in a safe direction;
2. Treat every gun as if it were loaded;
3. Be sure of your target and beyond; and
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

When hunting in tree stands, hunters are advised to use a safety harness and a climbing belt, as most tree stand accidents occur when hunters are climbing in and out of the stand. Also, hunters should never climb in or out of a tree stand with a loaded firearm.

## **Let Young Bucks Go and Watch Them Grow**

By choosing to Let Young Bucks Go and Watch Them Grow, New York hunters now see and take more older bucks than ever before. Older deer have larger antlers and yield more meat, vocalize more, and create more rubs and scrapes.

## **Hunters are Key Partners in Protecting New York Deer from Chronic Wasting Disease**

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) continues to spread in other states, and hunters can help to prevent CWD in New York, which is fatal to deer. If introduced, CWD could spread rapidly and be practically impossible to eliminate once established. Hunters can help protect New York's deer herd from CWD by following these tips:

- If hunting any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou outside of New York, debone the animal before bringing it back. See CWD Regulations for Hunters. DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported carcasses and parts;
- Do not use deer-urine-based lures or attractant scents, as these could contain infectious material. Choose synthetic lures instead;
- Dispose of carcass waste in a landfill, not on the landscape;
- Report any deer that appears sick or acting abnormally; and
- Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles.

## **Impact of EHD on Deer Populations Remains to be Seen**

The outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) that killed deer in portions of New York this summer and early fall will impact the experiences of hunters in the hardest hit areas. EHD is a viral disease caused by a biting midge that affects deer but is not infectious to humans. The outbreak ends when frost kills the midges. New York had its fourth and largest EHD outbreak this summer, with about 2,000 dead deer reported. The hardest hit areas were in eastern Ulster, western Dutchess, and western Columbia counties. The disease does not affect deer populations uniformly, and hunters may see variable impacts with few deer on some properties

hit hard by EHD and plenty of deer elsewhere. DEC will continue to monitor the impact of EHD through the hunting season and make any necessary management adjustments next year.

## Take It - Tag It - Report It

With DEC's [HuntFishNY mobile app](#), reporting a deer or bear harvest is easier than ever. Through this mobile app, hunters, anglers, and trappers can access electronic licenses and report the harvest of deer, bear, and turkey immediately while afield on a mobile device in seconds. Hunters may still use the phone report system (1-866-GAME-RPT) or [report online](#), but the [mobile system](#) is faster, more convenient, and easier for hunters to accurately enter information. Reporting harvests is required by law, so hunters are encouraged to Take It, Tag It, Report It!

## Other Reminders for the 2021 Southern Zone Regular Hunting Season

[Choose non-lead ammunition](#) for high-quality meat and reduce risk of lead exposure to non-target wildlife.

Hunger Has A Cure... The [Venison Donation Program](#) is a great way to help those less fortunate while also assisting with deer management in New York.

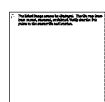
For specific descriptions of regulations and open areas, hunters should refer to the [2021-2022 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide](#) available on DEC's website. Hunters are urged to review regulations and safety tips contained in the guide. Hunters may also be interested in reading DEC's booklet, [Hunting the Black Bear in New York \(PDF\)](#), or DEC's unit-by-unit [Deer Hunting Forecasts](#).

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## DEC Deploys Steel Barge "Shannon C" to Enhance Shinnecock Artificial Reef

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**New Material Added to New York's Artificial Reefs Supports Diverse Marine Habitats and Ongoing Efforts to Bolster Long Island's Economy through Increased Tourism and Recreation**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the deployment of the steel barge "Shannon C" on the Shinnecock Reef as part of the State's ongoing efforts to enrich New York's network of artificial reefs. This continued effort is helping to develop a stronger, more diverse marine ecosystem that will provide enhanced shelter for fish and other marine life off New York's shores.

"This latest successful addition to the Shinnecock Artificial Reef helps connect a bit of the region's maritime past with Long Island's economic future," **Commissioner Seggos said.** "The Shannon C will enjoy her retirement as the newest attraction for marine life and the anglers and divers who seek a thrill. DEC is excited about this addition to the reef and continuing to advance New York State's efforts to improve marine habitat."

The Shannon C is a 60-foot, steel deck barge built in 1973, formerly berthed in East Hampton and owned by DJ Whelan Corp. The Shannon C was used for more than 30 years in the marine construction business, building docks, bulkheads, and revetments, launching ramps, and dredging throughout the waterways of Long Island, Hudson River, New York City, Fishers Island, Plum Island, Connecticut, and beyond. The barge also served as a launching platform for local firework events in Westhampton Beach, East Hampton, and Shelter Island.

**Mary Whelan, owner of Shannon C, said,** "The barge Shannon C was named after our daughter Shannon. Shannon grew up on the water and enjoyed sailing, boating, fishing, surfing, or simply being near the ocean. It's fitting that her namesake will become part of Shinnecock Artificial Reef and, over time, provide valuable marine habitat and enjoyment for others who adore the ocean just like she did."

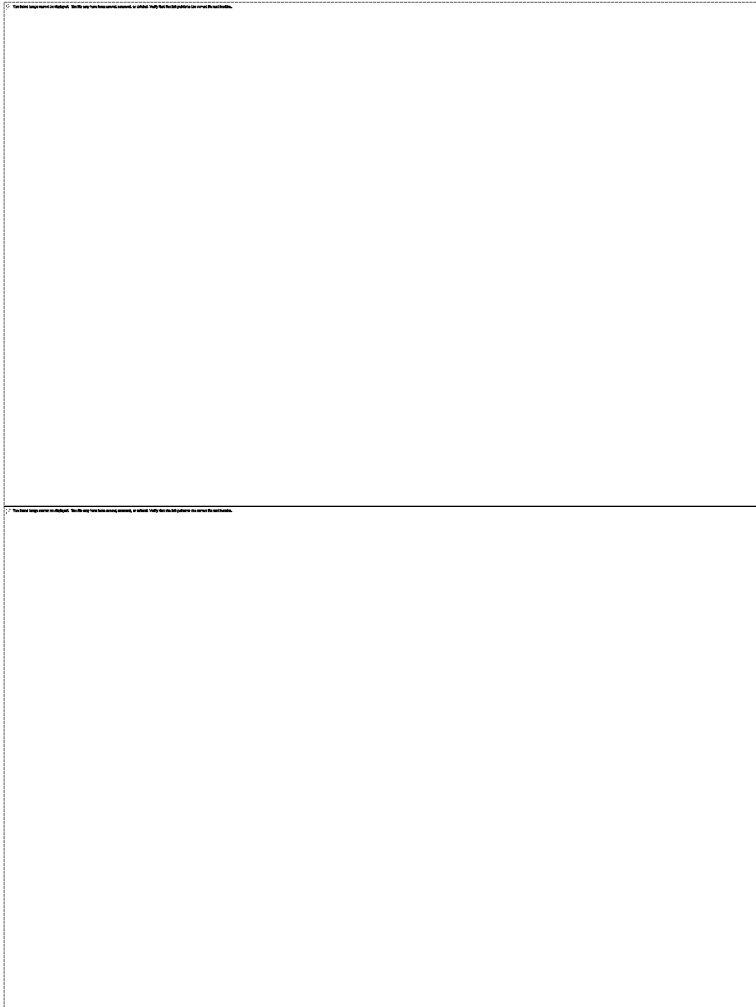
DEC manages the State's 12 artificial reefs, which include two reefs in Long Island Sound, two in the Great South Bay, and eight in the Atlantic Ocean. Since 2018, New York State's Artificial Reef Program has deployed a total of 521 cubic yards of Tappan Zee Bridge materials, 200 tons of New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) steel pipe, columns, beams, girders, and trusses, one New York Canal Corporation steel barge, two New York Canal Corporation vessels, and seven steel center beam railcars on Shinnecock Reef. All materials were deployed under the guidance of the DEC Reef Program to ensure they are safely cleaned of contaminants prior to joining the reef.

DEC's Artificial Reef Program is popular with local fishermen and divers and helps to support the Long Island economy. Additional patch reef creation through material deployments will increase the use and enjoyment of these valuable New York State resources. Anglers and divers who access the artificial reefs support local businesses through the purchase of fuel, bait and tackle, marine equipment, and by using for-hire party/charter and dive vessels. New York's marine resources are critical to the state's economy, supporting nearly 350,000 jobs and generating billions of dollars through tourism, fishing, and other industries. More than 500,000 anglers in the region reap the benefits of New York's artificial reefs, supporting the region's growing marine economy which accounts for approximately 9.7 percent of Long Island's total GDP.

In August 2021, DEC deployed the vessel Big Time on Fire Island Reef. Big Time is a 55-foot steel luxury Feadshipcruiser Showboat built in 1956 and was donated by its owner Peter Taubler. In November 2020, the Artificial Reef Program deployed 16, 75-foot steel rail cars donated by Wells Fargo on Fire Island Reef; 59 additional rail cars were deployed on five other reef sites.

Anglers in New York State marine waters are required to enroll in the New York Recreational Marine Fishing Registry. The Registry provides important information for setting quotas, size and bag limits, and fishing seasons each year. More information on the Registry can be found on the DEC website or by contacting DEC's Marine Fishing Access Unit at (631) 444-0438.

Reef construction is part of the "NY is Open for Fishing and Hunting" Initiative, an effort to improve recreational activities for in-state and out-of-state sportsmen and sportswomen and to boost tourism opportunities throughout the state. For more information about DEC's Artificial Reef Program visit DEC's website.



*Shannon C barge being deployed on Shinnecock Reef*

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## DEC Announces Bridge Replacement Project Completed in St. Lawrence County

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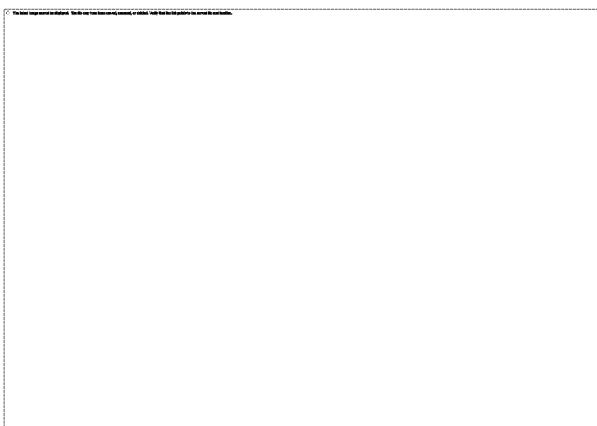
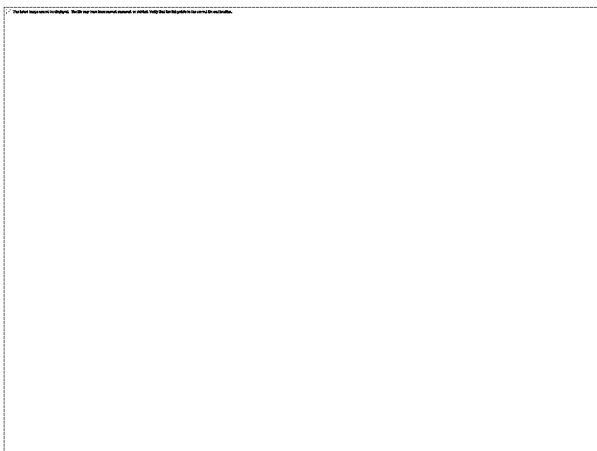
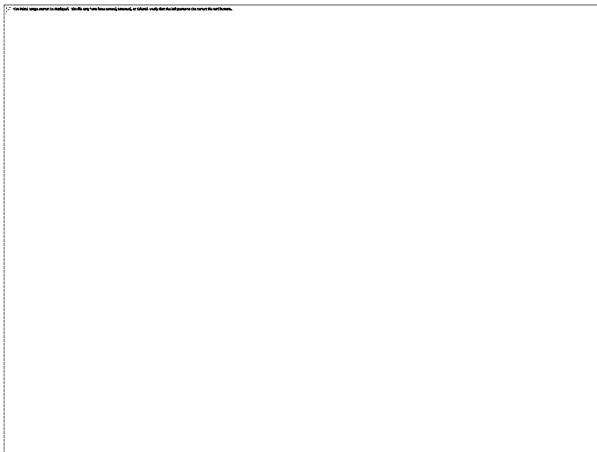
#### **C.C. Dam Public Forest Access Road, Town of Brasher, Reopened**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the completion of a bridge replacement project over Redwater Brook on Brasher State Forest, St.



Lawrence County. The four-week bridge replacement project removed existing culverts and replaced them with a new engineered bridge.

The C.C. Dam Public Forest Access Road in the town of Brasher, which is used to access Walter Pratt Memorial Park, as well as portions of Brasher State Forest from County Route 55, is now reopened to the public.



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## MakingWaves - Poster Contest; Funding for Infrastructure Projects; Chesapeake Bay Grants Awards; Storm Resiliency in Suffolk County

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### ***MakingWaves*** - News From the Division of Water

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### **Reminder: "Create a Watershed Super Hero" Poster Contest**

DEC and the New York Water Environment Association (NYWEA) are accepting posters for the 2021-2022 annual [Create a Watershed Super Hero Poster Contest](#) for middle school students. View the [Poster Contest Announcement \(PDF\)](#) for contest details. The deadline for submitting posters is **January 7, 2022**. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2023 annual calendar. Direct questions regarding the poster contest to Cassandra Davis by calling (518) 402-8086 or emailing [cassandra.davis@dec.ny.gov](mailto:cassandra.davis@dec.ny.gov).

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### **Reminder: Funding Available for Water Infrastructure Upgrades**

\$400 million is available for critical drinking water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades through the [Water Infrastructure Improvement Act \(WIIA\)](#) and the [Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant Program \(IMG\)](#). Applications are due by **Monday, November 22**.

Information and application documents are available on the [Environmental Facilities Corporation's website](#). If you have questions, e-mail [NYSWaterGrants@efc.ny.gov](mailto:NYSWaterGrants@efc.ny.gov) or call 518-402-6924.

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## **2021 NFWF Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Small Watershed Grant Awards**

Four New York projects received a 2021 Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund Small Watershed Grant. Tioga County Soil and Water Conservation District received three grants totaling \$1,050,000, and Trout Unlimited received a grant of \$140,566.

This grant program is sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund is dedicated to protecting and restoring the bay by helping local communities clean up and restore their polluted rivers and streams. The fund also advances cost-effective and creative solutions with financial and technical assistance to local communities, farmers, and private landowners.

View the [NFWF 2021 Small Watersheds Grants Program Overview \(PDF\)](#) for details about the funded projects.

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## **\$408.8 Million Storm Resiliency Sewer Expansion in Suffolk County**

[Governor Kathy Hochul has announced](#) the start of construction of the \$408.8 million Suffolk County Coastal Resiliency Initiative, which includes wastewater conveyance and treatment upgrades, along with sewer system connections for more than 4,000 homes in the Town of Babylon, with connections for an additional 1,700 homes in Mastic-Shirley set to begin later this year.

This project leverages federal and state resources with local funding to prevent nitrogen and other contaminants from polluting Long Island's coastal waters. Other environmental benefits include improving water quality, restoring ecosystems, and bolstering natural coastal barriers to protect communities from future flooding and severe storms fueled by climate change.

Climate Justice Working Group

11/05/2021

## Please Join Us for the Next CJWG Meeting

The next meeting of the Climate Justice Working Group (CJWG) will take place on **Thursday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m.** The CJWG is a 13-member group tasked with establishing criteria for identifying disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant reductions, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, regulatory impact statements, and the allocation of investments pursuant to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

This informational meeting will not take any official action but include presentations on mapping analysis and will be conducted by teleconference. Members of the public are welcome to listen to the meeting via webcast.

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021, 1 p.m. ET

**Where:** Webex

**Audio:** Dial 1-518-549-0500; Access code: 161 897 3721#

**Additional Information:** This meeting will also be recorded and posted on the Climate Act website within three days, or as soon as practicable.

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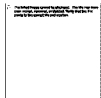


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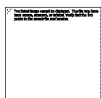


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## Green Living Newsletter

11/05/2021

### Green Living Newsletter

It is the time of year for families, football, and being thankful. Often, these events revolve around sharing a snack or meal. Whether you are preparing for the "big game" or a holiday meal -- make sure you prepare and dispose of food in a green way. From shopping, to setting the table, to preparing the food, to disposal and clean-up -- check out these tips:

- Inventory what you already have in the refrigerator, freezer, and cupboards. Do this before shopping and build meals around the ingredients you have "on hand."
- Make a weekly menu and shopping list prior to going to the store (pro-tip: use your phone's notes application to create your list). Stick to your plan and anticipate the amount of servings needed so you can be as close to "zero" waste as possible. Don't forget to bring your own bag before you head out.
- Organize your food. Label and date foods so you know what you should eat first. Reusable storage containers can help you organize. Decide what you will keep fresh and what you will freeze.
- Freeze items while they are still good. Bread is a perfect example -- if you know you will not use the whole loaf before it goes stale or moldy, freeze it.
- Cook creatively to reduce waste. You can use up extra ingredients, past-prime foods, and leftovers by thinking outside of the box or using a [recipe generator](#) to find recipes that will give your food a new (and delicious) twist.
- Compost your food scraps. Gather peelings from your traditional holiday foods such as pumpkins, squashes, and potatoes, and other kitchen scraps to give them new life as compost.
- Avoid single-use items when possible. Paper and plastics can be convenient but most items cannot be recycled, take up unnecessary space in landfills, and take years to breakdown.
- Use natural cleaners such as baking soda, salt, and lemon juice to clean-up.
  - Easy oven cleaning -- cover the bottom of the oven with 1/4" of baking soda and spray it with water. Leave the mixture on overnight and wipe it off the next day. No scrubbing required.
  - For metals -- polish brass and copper with a combination of lemon juice and baking soda mixed to the consistency of toothpaste.
    - Tarnished silver -- place a piece of tin foil in a pot, add the silver, and cover it with 3" of water. Add 1 teaspoon each of baking soda and salt, then bring to a boil.

Learn more about saving your food -- [find out what "use by" and other packaging dates really mean](#). DEC provides additional information to help you [reduce food waste](#).

For more tips on how you can [be a friend of the environment](#) this month, please visit DEC's website.

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## DEC's Weekly Job Posting List Has Been Updated

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### DEC JOB POSTINGS

The Listing of Job Vacancies on DEC's public website has been updated for the coming week. The current vacancy list can be found online at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/27863.html>

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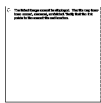
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RT @NYGov: Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed tonight. #DaylightSavingTime ends at 2AM on Sunday ☐  
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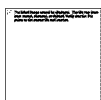


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